

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

GOSPEL FREEDOM Galatians 5:1-15

Main Thought: In Galatians 5:1-15, we discover some important truths regarding our freedom in Christ.

1. IT IS FOR _____ THAT CHRIST HAS SET US FREE. (v 1)

1) Our freedom in _____.

2) The need to _____.

2. CONSEQUENCES OF CHOOSING _____ OVER FREEDOM. (vv 2-6)

1) Christ will be of no _____ to you.

2) You will be obligated to _____ the _____ law.

3) You will be _____ from Christ's _____.

4) You _____ on the _____ of Christ.

5) Your life is characterized by _____ not love.

3. _____ THE RACE BASED ON FREEDOM IN CHRIST. (vv 7-12)

4. FREEDOM IN CHRIST IS NOT A LICENSE TO _____ BUT TO _____ ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE. (v 13-15)

1) We _____ the law of Christ.

2) Serve One Another in _____.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read Galatians 5:1-15.
2. From what has Christ set us free? (See Rom. 6:23; Gal. 3:23-25)
3. How do we stand firm in our freedom? What yoke of slavery is Paul talking about?
4. Why was circumcision such a big deal to the false teachers? (See Gen. 17)
5. What does Paul want us to pay particular attention to in verse 2-6? What are the consequences of choosing legalism (obedience to the Mosaic Law) over freedom in Christ?
6. What is the only thing that counts according to verse 6? What does that look like in a person's life?
7. What word pictures does Paul use in verse 7-10? What's his point?
8. It appears that the false teachers were saying Paul agreed with them about circumcision. Why might they think that? How does Paul respond? (See Acts 16:1-5; 1 Cor. 9:19-23)
9. Many Christians are concerned that if we teach too much grace and freedom in Christ that people will think they can just keep on sinning and ask God's forgiveness and it's no big deal. How does Paul speak to that issue in verses 13-15? What are we set free to do? What sums up the entire Law?
10. How do we serve one another in love? What does that look like in a person's life? How do you practice this command?
11. How will you respond in obedience to what you have learned from this passage this week?